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DISORDERS IN AUSTRIA

LONDON, June 20.—Serious rioting has broken out in Vienna, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. The mob has invaded a number of bakeries stoning the residence of the premier and also one of the wings of the Hofburg palace, the message adds.

Cavalry is being rushed to the capital to restore order. It is probable, it is stated, that martial law will be proclaimed. The rioting was in protest against the reduction of the bread ration.

OUTBREAKS IN GERMANY

LONDON, June 20.—Heavily-censored private messages received in Stockholm indicate that peace demonstrations were held recently in Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne, and that several workmen were killed and many persons arrested, says a dispatch to the Morning Post from Stockholm. The police and military dispersed crowds of demonstrators.

AUSTRIAN DRIVE FAILS

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, June 20.—Realization that the Austrian offensive has failed, is spurring the Italian troops to a desperate resistance along the Piave. Heavy fighting continued today around the Montello plateau on the north, and near San Dona di Piave on the south.

On Montello, which is hilly and wooded, the opposing forces frequently stumbled upon each other unexpectedly. Such meetings always result in sharp encounters.

The spirit of the Italian troops is at a high pitch despite wounds, loss of sleep and constant movements made necessary by the conditions of the terrain at several points.

YANKS HIT HUNS HARD

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, June 19.—American troops inflicted the greatest losses on two German shock divisions (24,000 men) in the recent fighting on the Marne front, according to German prisoners.

Some companies were reduced to 40 infantrymen. Others lost 25 out of 61 riflemen. One of the machine gun sections was reduced from 17 to five men. One battalion of the 40th Fusiliers lost all its officers except one.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

The long-awaited Austrian offensive was launched Saturday along the front of the Italian theater from the northwest of the Asiago plateau eastward to the Piave river and thence along that stream to where it joins the head waters of the Adriatic sea, a front of nearly 100 miles.

The Austrian, having made extensive preparations for the drive by bringing up strong reinforcements in men and guns, are using them without stint in the effort to debouch from the mountain passes and cross the Piave river and gain the Venetian plains.

Everywhere the fighting is of an extremely sanguinary character, especially east of the Asiago plateau, in the Brenta valley, and on the Monto Grappa. In the initial struggle the enemy succeeded in capturing several front-line positions in the mountain region from the British and also in crossing the Piave. Counter attacks, however, have restored all the positions in the mountains, including territory to a depth of 1,000 yards along a 2,500-yard front captured by the enemy and King Victor Emmanuel's men were gallantly striving to throw back the invaders across the Piave. The Italian have taken more than 3,000 Austrians prisoners, among them 89 officers.

As yet the Vienna war office has given only brief mention to the battle, saying that the Austrian armies had invaded the Sette Comuni plateau, lying at an altitude of 3,400 feet northwest of Asiago, and that up to noon Sunday more than 10,000 Italian, English and French soldiers and a considerable number of guns had been captured.

The attempted drive by the armies of the German crown prince toward Paris was checked during the week. With thousands of their men having been fed to the guns on the Montdidier-Noyon and Soissons-Villers Cottelets sectors in the effort to pierce the allied lines in these re-

gions, and thus gain a fair way to the French capital, the maneuvers of the German commanders have brought to the German arms nothing more than the obliteration of the Noyon salient and the capture of a few unimportant positions southwest of Soissons, near the outskirts of the Villers-Cottelets forest. In this drive the German war office claimed the capture of 15,000 men. American troops played a prominent part in the week's activities. In the Chateau Thierry sector they pushed back the enemy at several points and recovered Belleau wood, recently lost by the French. All counter attacks were put down, with heavy losses to the enemy.

June 18—Tome announced that counter attacks by the Italians resulted in the occupation by the allies of ground won from them in the hill country in the initial onslaught of the Austrians and the rectification of their lines, while a stiffening of the front along the Piave river has made impossible, for the time being at least, further fording of the stream by the enemy. Hard fighting still is in progress, however. The number of prisoners taken by the allies has reached 4,500, while the Austrians have captured 12,000.

Northwest of Chateau Thierry, especially in the Belleau wood, in the Marne sector, the Germans are treating the Americans to large waves of gas and shells. Their efforts have gone unrewarded, however, so far as breaking the line is concerned.

June 10—Rome announced that in the Alps sector of the Italian battle front, the Austrians have been unable further to advance their lines since their initial onslaught. The allies delivered strong counter attacks and regained lost ground. Vienna claims gains along the Piave river and increase of prisoners to 30,000.

Ambushed by a German force over three times their strength, 13 American troops in a patrol venture the night of June 13-14, in the Lunerville sector, battled their way through the enemy and returned to their own lines. All were wounded.

Yank Downs Five Germans in One Day

PARIS, June 15.—Sergeant David E. Putnam, of Brookline, Mass., is reported to have downed five Germans on June 10. Three of Putnam's aerial victories now are official and the other two are under investigation. This record, if the five victories are officially accredited, makes Putnam's total 13, supplanting Lieutenant Frank Baylies, of New Bedford, Mass., as the American Ace of Aces.

The feat accredited to Sergeant Putnam is the most notable performed by an American aviator and has probably been eclipsed only once during the war. The only other aviator getting a larger bag of enemy airplanes in a single day is Lieutenant Rene Fonck, a French ace, who on May 9 brought down six German machines.

Sergeant Putnam is a descendant of Israel Putnam. On April 29, it was announced that he had been awarded the war cross by the French government.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!

On and after July 1, 1918, the price of The Democrat will be \$1.50 per year in advance. There is no need to tell our readers why the price is advanced, though many of them do not remember the conditions prevailing in the newspaper business at the time the price of \$1 per year was made. Previous to and at the time of the establishment of The Democrat the price of country newspapers was \$1.50 per year, and the size 6 columns to the page.

We have been referring to our files at that time and find the top price for hogs to be \$3.00, cattle \$3.25, wheat 70c, oats 18c, corn 20c, butter 6c to 12c, lard 4c to 5c, potatoes 20c. Print paper, ink and everything in the art of printing was at the same low level.

Remember, this rate goes into effect July 1. Most of our readers are paid up until January 1, 1919; some until 1920. The new rate does not effect those paid ahead. It only begins at the expiration of the time paid for. Back subscription up to July 1 is payable at the old rate. Renewals and new subscriptions will be taken up to and including Saturday night, June 28, at the old rate of \$1 per year. Dollar a-year papers have had their day.

THIRTY-TWO MORE CALLED TO COLORS

Thirty-two Mercer County lads will form the next contingent of selectees for Camp Sherman. They leave this city next Tuesday at 11:25 a.m. over the Cincinnati Northern with the contingents of the counties to the north of us. Prosecuting Attorney Stubbs, who was in Class 3, recently undergoing a minor operation to fit himself for service, asked to be sent out with the boys Tuesday and has been accepted. The following is the list from which the 32 will be taken:

George Lacy, Montezuma
James Gebron, Rockford
Clyde Byers, Willshire
Otto Breimeier, Ft. Recovery
William Nottingham, Celina
Peter Kessen, Coldwater
Arthur Nickel, Celina
Edward Worms, Coldwater
Ervin Smith, Celina
John A. Kuhn, Coldwater
Leo Rosengarten, Carthage
Frank Kremer, Coldwater
Raymond Snyder, Celina
Earl Ransbottom, Coldwater
Albert Hassan, Coldwater
John Gallman, Mendon
Joe Ross, Willshire
Julius Bueller, Chickasaw
Wm. Forsthoefel, Carthage
James Gehron, Montezuma
Clifton Coate, Celina
William Weddle, Rockford
John Brigner, Burkettville
Fred Rammel, Burkettville
Raymond Harvey, Monroe
August Cole, Coldwater
Charles Schadt, Celina
Charles Pontsler, Rockford
Carroll A. Stubbs, Celina
John H. Deiner, Celina
Carl Boroff, Mendon
John Powell, Celina
Joseph C. Eyink, Chickasaw
Thomas Wolf, Ft. Recovery
August Schroeder, Celina
Harvey Shock, Rockford

VETERAN JOE'S CONVINCING WAY

Veteran Joe Shannon, residing along the L. E. & W. Railroad, north of Merced Park, has a way of getting rid of obnoxious visitors that is peculiarly his own, and very effective if not strictly according to legal hoyle. He had an early Sunday morning visit from four St. Marys boys who irritated him to such an extent that he warned them off his preserves and of the impending cyclone. They did not take the warning seriously and Joe let fly with his trusted shotgun. One of the crowd, Lazarus Bubb, caught the contents—enough for all of them—as a local medical fixer found 42 bird shot in the west end of the young man going east. Monday Joe was arrested for neat marksmanship, to which he fessed up and was given \$1 and costs. We believe he got his money's worth.

CHICKASAW

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grieshop are the proud parents of a charming little baby girl. The farmers in this vicinity are busy hauling in hay.

Henry Rengers and family were Minister visitors Sunday.

Fred Jennings and wife, of St. Anthony, visited Wm. Gross and family Sunday.

J. Everman, of Dayton, visited relatives here a few days this week.

M. D. Reber passed through here Monday.

J. Grieshop visited relatives here this week.

Henry Rengers was at Celina Tuesday. Mrs. Jake Desh returned home from Sidney last Sunday, where she spent a week with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Goeck, of Maria Stein, spent Sunday afternoon with Bada Kramer.

Rev. George W. Horn, pastor Presbyterian church, went to Chicago Monday to deliver a series of patriotic addresses.

FAMOUS DUROC FETCHES \$635

James Staeger, member board township trustees and well-known farmer, residing east of town, held the ticket called for Henry Obrien's pedigree Duroc sow, his gift to the Red Cross, and recently bid in at auction by a number of Celina business men. They conceived the idea of having her root some more for the Red Cross, and tickets for \$1 each were sold, each carrying a chance for the famous rooster—\$635 being realized. Mr. Staeger proposes to hold the animal until August, when it will again be offered in some public manner for the benefit of the Y.M.C.A.

IN CUPID'S DOMAIN

Mrs. Alice Weaver, of this city, and Samuel E. Rock, a locomotive engineer of Cleveland, were united in marriage here last Saturday afternoon, "Squire" Scranton performing the service. They will make their home in Cleveland.

Miss Minnie Kremer and John Ahrens were wedded at the local Catholic church last Tuesday morning. Rev. Ernest Hefele performing the marriage service. They were attended by the bride's sister, Clara Kremer, and the groom's brother, Leo Ahrens, of Philothia. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of ex-Recorder Stetler, an uncle of the groom.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kremer, of Ratcliff, Ark., but has been making her home in this county the past three years. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens, of Philothia, and a deputy in the County Auditor's office. The young couple have been spending their honeymoon at Detroit, and on their return will be at home to their friends on East Anthony street.

Ye Towne Gossipe

[By M. R. S., with apologies to K. C. B., somewhere in Massachusetts.]

Yesterday afternoon
For about an hour
I was riding on a car
And as I did not have
A newspaper to read
I read the signs in the car
One of those signs
Had a horrid picture
That looked like the devil
Only he had on
A steel helmet
And wore a black mustache
Pointing upwards
And the sign said
"Defeat the Kaiser
"And his U-boats
"Victory depends
"On which falls first
"Food or frightfulness
"Waste nothing"

Now some signs I see
Are soon forgotten
But that horrid picture
And those striking words
Stuck in my mind
For I know quite well
That during last year
The grain sunk by U-boats

Totaled eight million bushels
And I know how badly
Our armies and our Allies
And the Belgians and Armenians
Needed that food

But the more I thought
The more I wondered
Why it is we Americans
Are so much concerned
About the German U-boats
But seem so little concerned
About our German brewers
For during the same year
The Kaiser's Allies in America—
Sunk sixty-eight million bushels
Of precious grain
Down the throats
Of our citizens
Making them drunk
And unfit for work
And then I understood
Why premier Lloyd George
Said what he did!

I thank you
MARK R. SHAW

OBSCURE THEFTS BEING CLEARED

The arrest of J. A. Meyers, a well known farmer of Butler township, on the 13th inst., is clearing up several mysterious thefts in the neighborhood southwest of this city. His latest exploit, and the one that has proved his undoing, was relieving a C. N. freight car of cement, soap, primus, candy, tobacco and other things, a portion of his haul being found at his home.

Two or three months ago Mrs. Joe Meyers, a well-to-do widow residing southwest of town, had some wheat she had sacked for market stolen from her premises, and it was recently discovered that Meyers had disposed of it to the local elevators, the sacks being identified by Sheriff Humphrey.

At a preliminary hearing last Friday before Justice Scranton, five charges were lodged against Meyers—four for burglary and one for grand larceny. As a result he was placed under a bond of \$1,000 for his appearance in court, and being unable to come across with it he was sent to the county jail.

Meyers has a wife and four children and a 70-acre farm. The farm, however, seems to be tied up in such a manner that he cannot dispose of it.

Barn and Contents Burned

The large barn on the Sam Dixon farm in Liberty township, and most of the contents, were destroyed last Sunday evening by a fire of unknown origin. It was with some difficulty that two valuable horses were saved by Mr. Dixon, so rapidly was the building consumed by flames. The barn and contents were valued at \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

DRY WORKERS HAVE MEETING TO-MORROW

The Dry Federation of Mercer county will meet to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the headquarters in the Riley office, at the rear of Hight's drug store, on East Market street.

This is an important meeting, and it is imperative that every member of each committee be present, as there is business of an important character to be transacted.

All petitions should be in at that time, as these must be copied and into state headquarters by the 1st of July.

W. E. TURNER, Chairman.
A. H. ROEBUCK, Secretary.

"IT'S YOUR FAIR"

Lisbon Woman Gets Prize For State Fair Slogan.

Columbus, June 15.—Ohio state fair officials announced that Mrs. Sarah Hulse of Rural Route No. 1, Lisbon, O., had been awarded the prize of \$10 for submitting the best slogan for this year's fair, the last week in August. Her prize-winning slogan was: "It's Your Fair." According to the judges, this slogan was not duplicated by any of the contestants. Many thousands of slogans were suggested.

Struck by Train; Two Killed.

Dennison, O., June 18.—Mrs. Frank Grosshartz, 31, and Earl Parrish, 4-year-old daughter of Earl Parrish, are dead, and Mrs. Earl Parrish, the child's mother, is in a hospital, not expected to live, as the result of being struck by a train at a road crossing five miles east of here.

Shipyard Workers Strike.

New York, June 19.—One thousand Brooklyn shipyard workers are on strike over their opposition to a new foreman. When they learned that the latter was to be at work over them they quit without a word. The foreman in question, is claimed by the workers is opposed to the union.

Local Briefs

The sugar bowl has again been withdrawn from the tables and lunch counters of the restaurants and hotels and public eating places. It will be furnished on request.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brandon were called to Lima yesterday by the death of a niece, Mrs. Gilbert Harris, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brandon, former residents of this city.

Mrs. Earl Fennig, of Toledo, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Agenbroad. Her father, for many years an almost helpless invalid, has been bedfast for more than a fortnight.

Nearly two thousand Van Wert children enjoyed their annual outing at Edgewater park, east of town, last Friday. The auto train that brought them to this city consisted of 177 decorated cars. About forty other cars preceded the procession to Celina.

Eliza Kiser, a son of the late Commissioner Isaac Kiser, was locked up in jail Wednesday evening after a hearing before Mayor Scranton on a charge of vagrancy. He was given \$50 and costs. A few weeks ago he was warned by the officers here to hunt a job and he went to Lima promising to do so. He returned here a few days since, and it was found that the only job he held at Lima was that of loafing. He should be given a chain-gang job, and that p.d.q.

Serious Charges Made

The charges of carrying concealed weapons, using concealed weapons in threatening manner, and rape, were filed in "Squire" Scranton's court against Chas. Taylor by Walter Howell, and at a preliminary hearing last Friday morning the case against Taylor was continued until June 26.

COLDWATER TO HONOR SELECTS

Coldwater people will have charge of the exercises that will precede the departure of the 32 selectees for Camp Sherman next Tuesday, the 25th. No program of the exercises has yet been issued, but that it will conform in spirit with the patriotic and heartfelt contributions that have sent former contingents away never be doubted. Coldwater has furnished her quota on each occasion, and will not be found wanting in any capacity next Tuesday.

Among Soldier Lads

Roy Schleucher, aged 29, a son of Dr. Herman Schleucher, a former resident of this city, and a brother of Earl Schleucher of Hopewell township, died at one of the training camps a few days since. He leaves a wife and two children, residents of Chicago.

Five more Mercer county boys left for Cincinnati last Saturday, where they entered the mechanical division of Uncle Sam's army. The lads volunteering their services were Carl E. Myrnes, of this city; Earl McKinley Rhoades, of Mendon; and Koseco Foss, John Deppin and John Schmitz, all of Coldwater.

Henry Kohnen, of St. Henry, has been appointed a deputy County Treasurer, succeeding his brother Joe, who left last Saturday for Cincinnati, where he offered his services to the mechanical division of the National army. He went with an Auglaize county contingent.

Dr. Clarence Schiracks, of Camp Mills, L.I., is at his home at St. Henry on a short furlough.

The local draft board received a bulletin on the 13th inst. stating that the new registrants, young men 21 years of age, will be required to fill out a questionnaire. The forms will be some different from the former ones. All men who are rejected at the training camps are placed in Class 5, and will be held for further military service as soon as they become physically qualified.

John Pond, who has been signed up for railroad work, on a call on the local draft board for limited service, left for Vancouver Barracks, Washington, this week.

Dr. Leo Courtright, of Dayton, former well known Celina boy, has enlisted for service in the U. S. medical corps, according to a message received in this city by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Courtright.

ARMY OFFICER UNDER ARREST

Shadow of Complicity in War Grafting Extends to Scores of Business Men, Attorneys, Secretaries of Congressmen and Others—Large Number of Cases Not Prompted by Sinister Motives, It is Said.

Washington, June 19.—Lieutenant James C. Staley, a reserve army officer, was arrested in New York on a charge of accepting money from the Truefit Raincoat company of New York for a contract which he promised to procure. The arrest was the result of the government's pursuit of illegal profiteers on war contracts.

The arrest was made by department of justice agents, who had followed the officer during his inspection of the plant of the raincoat company, whose proprietors acted in co-operation with the government to detect the fraud.

Lieutenant Staley made a complete confession of his part in the transaction, department of justice officials said, and gave much valuable information which may lead to the detection of other cases of fraud. He will be tried by a courtmartial.

Officials intimated that other arrests may be made soon in connection with the charges on which four men are now under indictment here, conspiracy to violate federal laws forbidding the subletting of contracts and payment of contingent fees.

The shadow of complicity has extended to scores of businessmen and attorneys in Washington, New York, Boston and other cities, and even to a few secretaries of members of congress. These men promised to use their influence with government officials, army officers or members of congress to assure the awarding of contracts to special concerns, and in turn were to receive compensation if the contracts were landed.

A large number of these cases, disclosed by correspondence and other documents seized in the simultaneous raids on offices of several hundred manufacturing plants, were not prompted by sinister motives, officials believe, and prosecutions will not follow. Many others, however, appear the result of carefully planned plots to squeeze millions from contractors, who in turn were to add the contingent fees to prices which the government was required to pay.

DAMAGE CASE COMPROMISED

The damage suit brought against the Rockford Electric Light Co. by C. J. Schumm, administrator of the estate of the late Jeanette Schumm, of Black Creek township, for the sum of \$15,000, was brought to a close in the Common Pleas Court of this city last Tuesday, when a compromise was effected by the payment of \$2,500 to the plaintiff.

The suit was filed in May a year ago, and grew out of the death of Mrs. Jeanette Schumm, who was instantly killed by an electric current while she was in the act of operating a washing machine, the power being furnished by the company's plant at Rockford. The accident resulting in the woman's death occurred September 11, 1916.

WHAT MERCER COUNTY WOMEN ARE ASKED TO DO

The following is Mercer county's quota for Red Cross work, which is quoted for the benefit of local workers, that they may know what is expected of them:

100 girls' dresses, serge, 2 1-2 yards, 14 yards.
200 girls' pinafores, saten, 2 1-2 yards, 14 yards.
250 men's undershirts, short, cotton flannel, 2 3-8 yards.
250 men's undershirts, cotton flannel, 2 yards.
150 women's housegowns, dark out flannel, 4 1-2 yards, medium.
250 women's morning jackets, dark out flannel, 3 1-8 yards, medium.
The knitting quota for Mercer county: 100 helmets.
2,000 pairs socks.
1,000 sweaters.

THE GRIM REAPER

Jacob Miller, a well known resident of Black Creek township, this county, died at his home there last Saturday, aged 75 years, 3 months and 8 days. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 18, at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church at Chattanooga by the pastor, W. F. H. Hener. The remains of the deceased were laid to rest in the mausoleum, near Zion cemetery.

Mrs. Joseph Davis, aged 58, died at her home at St. Henry last Friday. While in ill health for some time, her sudden death was unlooked for. The deceased lady is survived by her husband and four children—Alfred Davis, Mrs. Walter Myers, and Misses Alma and Nellie Davis. Funeral services were held Monday and her remains taken to Versailles for interment.

MANY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OLD DOLLAR RATE

Many of our old subscribers are taking advantage of the dollar rate to push their subscriptions ahead two or three years, which they are at liberty to do any time the present month, as the \$1.50 rate does not go into effect until July 1. Then the dollar rate is off for good. Keep this in mind if you are interested.

A great program is being arranged for Children's Day by the Hope Sunday School in Hopewell township next Sunday evening, the 23rd.

MONTEZUMA

Homer Schamp and family, of St. Marys, and Z. T. Long and family spent Sunday with A. C. Long and family.

Grandma Cochran is better at this writing.

The funeral of Willard Monroe's babe here Monday was largely attended.

Mrs. Steven Lane and family, of Mrs. Collins and mother Saturday.

Mrs. Chloe Simpson, of Columbus, is spending a week's vacation with her parents, John Moore and wife.

Deputy Sheriff Rice and son Mark, of Dayton, O., are spending a week's vacation with John Moore and family.

Ollie Cenebaugh spent Sunday with J. H. Cenebaugh and family.

W. M. Colson and family spent Sunday with Ray Hanna and family at New Weston.

J. F. Lane and family, of Coaltown; Roscoe Lane and family; Chas. Lane and family; Glen Lane and family; and Ed Harris, all of Nashville, O., were the Sunday guests of J. N. Cenebaugh and family.

Geo. Johnson and family, E. F. Smith and family, Mrs. Clifford Moore, of Wyandott, Mich., and Pete Peters and family, of Celina, spent Sunday afternoon with John Moore and family.

Henry Sanderson and family, A. L. Bennett and family, of Darke county; J. J. Beauchamp and family; V. H. Bennett and family and Ed Palmer and wife spent Sunday with H. B. Bennett's.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Beauchamp, of Lima, spent Sunday with the doctor's mother, Mrs. S. A. Beauchamp.

Mrs. C. Tobin and children spent part of last week with her parents and family, northeast of Coldwater.

J. W. Harrison and two daughters, Mable and Lela; Geo. Lacy and wife and Otis Tobin and family spent Sunday with Albert Harrison and family.

N. E. Stafford and family and Miss Bertha Willis took dinner with Mrs. Mary Stafford.

Mrs. Chas. Cenebaugh and children, of Bradford, O., are spending a few days here.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Have you enlisted in the army of savers for your country and yourself? Buy War Savings Stamps.

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